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1. Until July 1950, Soviet and Polish troops in Silesia were quartered in strictly separated billeting areas. Several Soviet officers were seen wearing Polish uniforms. *
2. The Soviet occupation troops who had been stationed in the Greifenberg (O 52/G 39) - Loewenberg (O 52/B 50) - Hirschberg (O 51/G 68) area in 1945 moved to the Strans (O 52/B 44) area in the winter of 1946/1947. An artillery range was located at Strans. The former German troop training grounds of Neuhammer (O 52/B 34) had been substantially enlarged. **
3. Soviet troops were stationed in the following towns:

TownData on Occupation

Liegnitz (O 52/B 32)

Local residents said that an army headquarters was located in the town.

Waldenburg (O 51/H 07)

Local residents said that a high-echelon headquarters was located there. The last date of information could not be determined.

Bunzlau (O 52/B 42)

The town was heavily occupied by Soviet troops.

Goldberg (O 52/B 71)

An undetermined number of Soviet troops were stationed in the town.

Schweidnitz (P 51/H 18)

The town was heavily occupied by Soviet troops.

Breslau (P 52/C 41)

A Soviet headquarters was believed to be located there. ***

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* Comment. The information is believed correct.
 ** Comment. The artillery range at Strans is part of the Neuhammer troop training grounds, the enlargement of which is given credence.

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*** Comment. From previous information it is believed that a high-echelon headquarters, probably an army headquarters, is located in Liegnitz. A report of mid-June 1948 stated that the Soviet troops in Waldenburg were subordinate to the high-echelon headquarters in Liegnitz.

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the 70th Tank Tng Bn of the 20th Tank Div in Silesia clarified to some extent the disposition of troops in Silesia and the organization of the Northern Group of Forces.

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It is believed that there is only one supreme headquarters for the Soviet troops in Pomerania and Silesia, namely the Hq Northern Group of Forces, which remained in Liegnitz after the reassignment of Marshal Rokosovski. There is a possibility that the group headquarters is the Hq Sixty-Fifth Army or the Hq Seventh Mec Army. This headquarters presumably controls all Soviet troops in Silesia and Pomerania. The present report on Waldenburg may have originated at an earlier time or may have been based on the assumption that an army headquarters was once located in Waldenburg. Civilian refugees reported that Soviet motorized infantry troops of about regimental strength were stationed in Bunzlau.

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The troops may have belonged to an unidentified motorized rifle division(?) which is believed to be stationed in the Neuhammer-Sprottau-Bunzlau area. No previous information on Soviet troops in Goldberg has been received. Soviet units in Schweidnitz were last reported on 25 September 1949.

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According to previous information, Soviet units were quartered in installations in Breslau, such as the barracks in Breslau-Karlowitz.

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